Greeting, Taking Leave, and Expressing Regret

Greetings- Lesson 1

One of the first things you will do (perhaps even when you get off the airplane!) is to greet the people who you will meet on your way to your orientation at your new place of work. From airport workers, to cab drivers to hotel doormen and concierges, you will be greeting many people. Likewise, you will be taking leave of (saying goodbye to) many people. It is important that you treat everyone you meet with respect and courtesy, in order to establish a good report and to make a good impression as an American in a host country.

Here is your task:

**First, log on to:** [**www.survivalphrases.com**](http://www.survivalphrases.com)

**Second, select the language of your culture.**

**Third, find the lesson for greetings.**

**Finally,** **download the PDF file to read while you listen to the Audio file for your lesson.**

**Answer the following questions. Don’t forget to upload both your audio file and your worksheet to the WIKI when finished!**

1. How do you say “Hello” in your country? Ni hao
2. Are there different ways of saying “Hello”? Why? Yes, because it depends on the time of the day.

List the greetings according to their use during each time of day:

Morning: Zao shang hao

Afternoon: Dajia xiawu hao

Evening: Wǎnshàng

1. Is there a way to greet someone by saying essentially “How are you?” If so, what is it? What will they say in response? Write their response in (parentheses) next to your question

Yes there is. It is Zěnme shì nǐ. (IM liánghǎo = I’m good)

*Looking ahead: your next lesson will be about saying goodbye and “I’m sorry!”*